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British minister at Caracas: "Government declared officially no cases smallpox in Caracas or LaGuayra. Country absolutely free."

On the 7th instant the barkentine *Edward Seymour* arrived from Bahia with a British consular bill of health dated February 6, indorsed, "2 cases of yellow fever have occurred during the last few days." The bills of health brought yesterday by the steamship *Hevelius* from Bahia and dated on the 7th instant, stated there had been 2 cases of yellow fever, with 1 death. My board are awaiting further information.

Grenada has taken off the quarantine against Bahia, and imposed it against Rosario for plague.

St. Lucia has imposed quarantine against Rosario for plague.

The reports forwarded by the chairman of quarantine board give the following particulars:

Bahia.—For the fourteen days prior to March 4, 2 cases yellow fever.

Pernambuco.—For the fourteen days prior to February 23, clean bill of health.

Rio de Janeiro.—For the fourteen days prior to February 23, 27 deaths yellow fever and 35 deaths smallpox.

Santos.—For the fourteen days prior to February 21, 15 cases, 2 deaths, yellow fever.

Victoria.—For the fourteen days prior to February 23, clean bill of health.

The bills of health from Santos and Rio de Janeiro made no mention of plague.

Respectfully,

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine Hospital Service.

JAS. SANDERSON,
Clerk, Quarantine Board.

BELGIUM.

Report from Antwerp.

ANTWERP, BELGIUM, *March 26, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith inclosed weekly abstract of bills of health issued at the port of Antwerp, Belgium, for the week ended March 24, 1900: Seven bills of health were given during the week, 2 of which were supplemental. The steamship *Aragonia* cleared for Philadelphia on the 22d instant carrying 215 steerage passengers. On the 25th instant the steamship *Southwark* sailed for New York having on board 808 steerage and 64 cabin passengers. Three were refused passage on the *Aragonia* and 17 on the *Southwark*. Both ships sailed under the usual conditions as to the baggage of the emigrants.

Respectfully,

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

E. K. SPRAGUE,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

BRAZIL.

Births and deaths at Bahia during September and October, 1899.

BAHIA, BRAZIL, *March 15, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a report on the vital statistics of Bahia for the months of September and October, 1899. This

report is compiled in this office from the official report just published in the official paper.

Respectfully,

H. W. FURNISS,
United States Consul.

HON. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure.]

Vital statistics of Bahia for months of September and October, 1899.

	Septem-ber.	October.		Septem-ber.	October.
Maximum temperature.....	29	29	Deaths—		
Minimum temperature.....	24	24	Male.....	184	197
Average temperature.....	25.67	26.82	Female.....	168	163
Average relative humidity ...	86.68	83.5	Nationality—		
Rainfall.....	62 ^{mm}	130 ^{mm}	Arabian.....	1	0
Rainy days.....	8	8	African.....	20	14
Prevailing winds.....	N.N.E.E.	N.N.E.	Brazilian.....	325	339
		N.W.	English.....	0	2
Cases of infectious diseases—			French.....	1	0
Yellow fever (a)—			German.....	0	1
Male.....	3	3	Italian.....	1	0
Female.....	3	3	Portuguese.....	3	4
Treated in hospital.....	1	1	Spanish.....	1	0
Died.....	1	1	Causes of death—		
Treated in residences.....	5	5	Beriberi.....	11	10
Died.....	4	3	Enteric fever.....	4	3
Smallpox—			Hydrophobia.....	1	0
Male.....	2	3	Smallpox.....	2	1
Female.....	2	4	Typhus fever.....	1	0
Nationality (b)—			Yellow fever.....	6	4
White.....	1	4	Asthma.....	0	1
Mixed.....	3	3	Bright's disease.....	10	6
Had at some time			Bronchitis.....	6	8
been vaccinated.....	1	2	Carcinoma.....	2	3
Had never been vac-			Cerebral hemorrhage		
inated.....	3	5	and congestion.....	21	23
Treated in hospital....	2	7	Diabetis.....	1	0
Died.....	1	1	Diarrhea and dysen-		
Lepers in hospital at close of			tery.....	38	36
last month.....	13		Diseases of circulatory		
Male.....	13	13	system.....	43	42
Female.....	3	4	Elephantiasis.....	0	0
Entered during month—			Influenza.....	2	0
Male.....	0	0	Malarial fevers.....	26	28
Female.....	0	1	Minutitis.....	3	5
Died or discharged dur-			Nephritis.....	10	12
ing month.....	0	0	Pneumonia.....	4	6
Births, alive (c)—			Syphilis.....	3	2
Male.....	10	17	Tetanus.....	1	2
Female.....	14	27	Tetanus neonatorum.....	11	16
Births, stillborn—			Tuberculosis, pulmo-		
Male.....	21	11	nary.....	39	56
Female.....	11	8	Other causes.....	107	96
Marriages.....	42	30	Died in hospital.....	81	83

^a Acclimatization—September, 1 of four days, 1 of eight days, 1 of ten months, 1 of one year, 1 of 2½ years, and 1 of three years. October, 1 of five days, 1 of one-half month, 1 of two months, 1 of five months, 1 of seven months, 1 of one year.

Nationality—September, Brazilian, 4; Spanish, 2. October, Brazilian, 3; Portuguese, 1; Spanish, 1; English, 1.

Race—September, white, 4; mixed, 2. October, white, 5; mixed, 1.

^b Brazilians.

^c Very incomplete.

Sanitary report from Rio de Janeiro.

RIO DE JANEIRO, *March 9, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you the official sanitary reports for the weeks ended February 16 and 23.

During the week ended February 16 there were 261 deaths from all causes, a decrease of 22, as compared with the preceding week; 15 deaths from *accessio pernicioso*, a decrease of 2; 11 deaths from yellow fever, a decrease of 5; 14 deaths from smallpox, a decrease of 8; 2